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SUBJECT: PAPADOPOULOS AND KEY JUNTA LEADERS DETAINED

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1. AS ANTICIPATED FOLLOWING ARREST OF BGEN IOANNIDES JANUARY 14 (REFTEL, GEORGE PAPADOPOULOS, SYLIANOS PATTAKOS, NICHOLAS MAKAREZOS, IAONNIS LADAS AND MICHAEK ROUFOGALIS WERE REMANDED IN CUSTODY JANUARY 20 UPON RECOMMENDATION OF INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE VOLTIS TO PUBLIC PROSECUTOR KOUTSAKOS. VOLTIS MET WITH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AT 10:00 A.M. AND ORDER FOR DETENTION WAS RELEASED TO PUBLIC SHORTLY THEREAFTER NOTING THAT "KEA FIVE" ACCUSED OF HIGH TREASON AND INSURRECTION ARE DETAINED PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION. PRESS REPORTED PAPADOPOULOS AND ASSOCIATES WOULD BE INCARCERATED AT KORYKALLOS PRISON IN ATHENS WHERE BGEN IOANNIDES IS HELD. HOWEVER A GOG SOURCE RAISED POSSIBILITY KEA FIVE MIGHT BE DETAINED IN BOYATTI MILITARY PRISON. HELLENIC NAVY GUNBOAT HAS BEEN LAYING OFF KEA PAST SEVERAL DAYS PRESUMABLY IN ANTICIPATION OF TRANSFERRING ACCUSED.

2. GOG PUBLICIZED WRIT OF DETENTION BUT MADE NO EXPLANATORY STATEMENT. PUBLIC WAS PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARED
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FOR ARRESTS OF KEA FIVE SINCE PRESS

FOR LAST FIVE DAYS HAS COVERED PROMINENTLY INVESTIGATION
ACTIVITIES BY INVESTIGATING MAGISTRATE. LAST OF KEA FIVE TO
BE QUESTIONED WAS FORMER CHIEF OF MILITARY POLICE IOANNIS
LADAS WHO ADOPTED STAND OF FOUR COLLEAGUES WHO DENIED
CHARGES AGAINST THEM AND ASSERTED THAT APRIL 21 TAKEOVER
WAS REVOLUTION WHICH CREATED ITS OWN LEGAL STATUS. PATTAKOS
TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HE WAS PROUD OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN
APRIL 21 COUP AND "WE WILL STAGE ANOTHER REVOLUTION IF
THE MOTHERLAND SO REQUIRES." FINAL INQUIRY IS EXPECTED
TO TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE CASE IS REFERRED TO
APPEALS COURT FOR DECISION ON FURTHER ACTION.
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